(b) whether the Parliamentary Advisory Committee and/or the Auditor General of India have made any suggestion in the present function of the Food Corporation of India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and what remedial measures have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Transit and Storage shortages/losses of food-grains and labour relations are the areas of concern in the functioning of FCI.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Supply of edible oils, foodgrains and sugar in Gujarat

2552. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PAR-MAR: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to improve the supply position of edible oils, food grains and sugar in Gujarat;

(b) what was the demand and supply position of these commodities during the last two years; and

(c) the action proposed to be tak en to meet the demand position fully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) The allocations of rice and wheat from the Central Pool for the Public Distribution System are made on a month to month basis, taking into account the demands received from States|UTs, the stocks in the Central Pool, seasonal availability, offtake trend, relative needs of States|UTs and other related factors.

Allocation of imported edible oils is also made to the States/UTs on a month to month basis depending upon the availability of stocks with STC and after assessing the requirement of each State/UT.

The demand, allotment and offtake of rice and wheat for Public Distribution System from the Central Pool in respect of Gujarat for 1990 and 1991 has been as follows:—

(Figure in 000 *tonnes*

Year	Rice			Wheat		
	Demand	Allotment	Offtake	Demand	Allotment	Offtakes
1990	475.0	330.0	278.9	1070.0	725.0	551.0
1991	405.0	324.0	311.1	1175.0	944.3	823.2

The demand, allocation and lifting of imported edible oils under the Public Distribution System for Gujarat during oil years (November-October) 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 (November, 1991-February, 1992) is as under:—

(Figures in '000 *tonnes)*

Year	Demand	Allotment	Lifting
1989-90	230.0	78.46	66.44
1990-91	240.0	15.80	18.88
1991-92 (Nov., 1991-Feb., 1992)	..	4.50	3.11 (Upto Jan, 1992)

The Government of Gujarat has also been allowed to import 8,000 tonnes of edible oil directly during the current financial year.

As regards sugar, levy sugar allocations are not made as per demand. Under the system of partial control, levy sugar allocations to most of the States/Union Territories are being made on uniform norms of ensuring minimum 425 gms. per capita monthly availability for the projected population as on 1-10-1986. These norms are effective from 1-2-1987. It has not been possible to revise the allocation to cover 1991 population levels, in view of the limited availability of levy sugar. The monthly levy sugar quota of Gujarat is 16,194 tonnes. In addition to the monthly levy sugar quota, a quantity of 4878 tonnes of levy sugar is released every year to Gujarat as festival quota. Further, Government have allowed 5 per cent ad-hoc increase in the monthly levy sugar allocations of all States/Union Territories from August, 1991 to September, 1992.

Release of sugar by factories

2553. SHKI PRABHAKAR B. KORE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the old sugar of 1990-91 season has not yet been released by some factories:

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) when the old quantity is likely to be released;

(d) what were the basis of release pertaining to 1990-91 season;

(e) whether it is also a fact that there was imbalance of releases to few factories only; and

(f) who is reponsible for the current losses obtained by such imbalance releases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Sugar of 1990-91 season has been released from factories for the purpose of levy, internal freesale and export. In respect of some factories, small quantities of old sugar of 1990-91 season may have remained unreleased due to non furnishing of final production figures by them. Factories have been advised to furnish final production accounts immediately.

(c) On receipt of aforesaid data, the balance quantity, if any, out of 1990-91 season would be released as per due entitlement.

(d) to (f) The share of each factory as levy and freesale in the monthly releases is worked out on the basis of uniform percentage of levy and freesale entitlement taking into account the production upto a particular date prior to release and thus there is no imbalance in monthly releases to the factories. However, quantities for actual export are released from freesale quota on the request of the exporting agency from specific factories.

Allotment of Foodgrains to States

2554. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRO-DIA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States are not lifting their quota of foodgrains allotted by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof particularly with reference to Rajasthan; and

(c) the details of the States which have taken and not taken the allotted quota with item-wise details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) A statement indicating allotment/offtake of rice and wheat from the Central Pool for the Public Distribution System to States/Union Territories for 1991 (Janauary—December) is enclosed.